

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9473  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS KS UR US  
SUBJ: SOVIET/ROK/US FISH DEVELOPMENTS

REF: SEOUL 897

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM ASIAN WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE  
FEB. 13, 1978, THAT USDOC HAS ANNOUNCED POLICY ON JOINT U.S.  
FOREIGN FISHING VENTURES. PLEASE CONFIRM.

2. EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT ON OR ABOUT FEB. 8, 2,400 TONS  
OF SOVIET POLLOCK ARRIVED INCHON VIA JAPANESE VESSELS FOR  
PROCESSING INTO FISHBLOCKS AT SILLA PLANT. AREA IN WHICH  
FISH WERE CAUGHT IS UNKNOWN. SILLA OFFICIALS WERE REPORTEDLY  
DISAPPOINTED WITH CONDITION OF RAW MATERIAL DELIVERED BY SOVIETS.  
FISH WERE VERY SMALL AND DRESSING WAS POORLY DONE IN THAT IN-  
STEAD OF FISH BODIES BEING LAID OPEN ALONG THEIR LENGTH, THEY  
WERE CUT TRANSVERSELY. SUCH TREATMENT DOES NOT ALLOW PRODUCTION  
OF USUAL QUALITY FILLET AND ADDS TO DIFFICULTY OF WORM REMOVAL.  
SILLA OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTEDLY TOLD THEIR INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES  
THAT THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE MAY BE THEIR LAST AND THEY ARE  
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THINKING OF TREATING SHIPMENT AS A "ONE-SHOT DEAL" AND TERMINA-  
TING CONTRACT WITH SEA GLOBAL.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: SIZE OF FISH DELIVERED FROM SOVIETS  
SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS CAUGHT IN KAMCHATKA AREA RATHER THAN  
U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (FCM) ZONE. QUES-  
TION ARISES WHETHER FISHBLOCKS PRODUCED FROM RAW MATERIALS

AS DESCRIBED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. PURCHASERS. EMBASSY  
WILL SEEK TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION. WE CONTINUE STRONGLY  
TO RECOMMEND USG APPROVAL OF KMIDC/DAVENNEY VENTURE AND PURSUIT  
OF U.S. QUOTA IN SOVIET FCM ZONE.  
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